
Florence County's Older Population

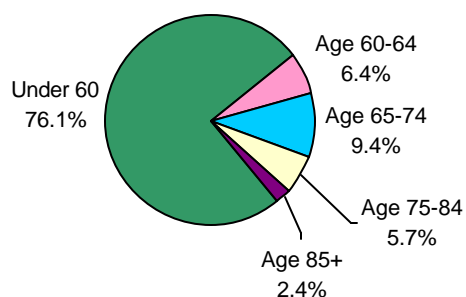
A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Florence County is higher than that of the state as a whole (17.5% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been much faster in this county than in the state as a whole (15.3% versus 7.9%). In all, 889 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 120 of these are age 85 or older. Florence County's average (or median) age is 41.9 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Florence County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	5,088		4,590		498	10.8%
Persons 60 and over	1,215	23.9%	1,008	22.0%	207	20.5%
Persons 65 and over	889	17.5%	771	16.8%	118	15.3%
Persons 85 and over	120	2.4%	81	1.8%	39	48.1%

Age Groups, 2000: Percent of Florence County Population in Each Group



Race:

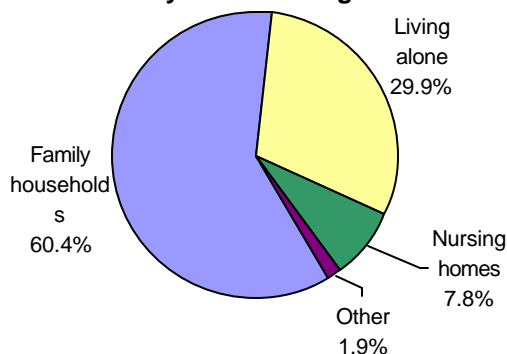
A large majority (99.0%) of Florence County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Florence County African Americans have a median age of 27.5 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 17.5 years. Whites, in contrast, average 42.1 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 2,133 households in Florence County, 610 include at least one person age 65 or older (28.6% of all households). A total of 572 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 81.8% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (60.4%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 29.9% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 2.8% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 69 people age 65 and older live in Florence County nursing homes (7.8% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.

Living Arrangements of Florence County Residents Age 65+



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

Prepared by: Cindy Ofstead, DHFS Bureau of Aging and Long Term Care Resources, 1/29/2002
